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1. The lengthened supply lines and constant air raids by UN planes have seriously hampered Chinese Communist attempts to supply troops fighting in Korea. In early February the Chinese Communists were barely able to supply troops on the major battlefields, while units reorganizing or resting often faced serious food shortages. A 3 Field Army unit on the eastern front was without salt for a week and without food for four days. Coastal guns were unable to move because their tractors lacked gasoline.
2. The Transport Department of the Communist Supply and Service Command has instructed the various organizations concerned to study the situation and to recommend improvements. The following decisions for strengthening the supply situation have already been reached:
 - a. To add five additional motor transport corps.
 - b. To establish two temporary motor repair plants in North Korea.
 - c. To add 13 additional animal and collier transport corps.
 - d. To prepare boats and coolies for use on water routes which will be navigable when the ice thaws.
 - e. To use railways which have not yet been destroyed, even if they are only short segments.
 - f. To return the maximum number of wounded personnel to China and thus decrease the amount of hospital and medical supplies required in Korea.

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